

REMARKS

Claims 66-70, 72-90 and 92-157 are pending. Claims 154-156 are rejected. Claims 1-65, 72, 91, 106-152 and 154-156 have been cancelled. Claims 66-70, 72-90, 92-105, 153 and 157 have been allowed.

Declaration

The Declaration was objected to as being defective. The Office Action asserts that the Declaration is defective because “non-initialed and/or non-dated alterations have been made to the oath or declaration.” Applicants thus resubmitted on August 30, 2010 the Declaration as originally filed by Applicants which did not contain any non-initialed and/or non-dated alterations. In view of the resubmission of the Declaration made by Applicants, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 154-156 were rejected as obvious over WO 00/02832 A1 to Franzen et al. (“Franzen”) in view of FR 2 597 764 A1 to Peguy (“Peguy”). In response, Applicants hereby cancel claims 154-156, and respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all pending claims have been allowed, and earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance thereof.

In the event that there are any questions related to this response or the application in general, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to address those questions directly in a telephone interview to expedite the prosecution of this application.

If necessary, Applicants request that this response be considered a request for an extension of time for a time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Please charge any fees that may be due in connection with this Response to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

Respectfully submitted,

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